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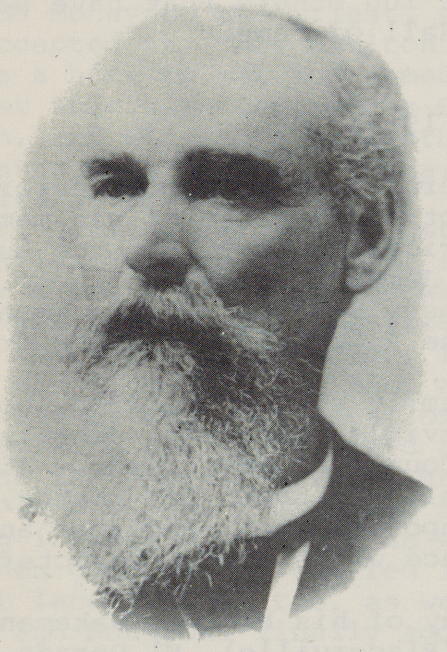


Henry Clay Daulton I

Mrs. H. C. Daulton (Mary Jane Hildreth)

On November 16, 1961 the Madera Daily Tribune announced a meeting of the California Hereford Association would take place in Madera on November 19 and 20. This issue of the Tribune was dedicated to Henry Clay Daulton I.

TO HENRY CLAY DAULTON I....Because he was so typically early San Joaquin Valley more so, because he was so typical of our West, we dedicate this issue to the memory of Henry Clay Daulton, early Madera County leader and stockman.

No era in the history of this nation stands out so dramatically apart as the incomparable saga of the development of the West. For here, on the sprawling prairies and rugged terrain they loved so well, our forefathers stood together, regardless of background or race, and fought for a concept of life known to few others.

If our country is to survive as a free nation, the coming generations of American youth must realize their true heritage...the hardships and struggles, the ideals and aspirations of these indomitable pioneers who carved our civilization from a rugged wilderness.

To this heritage the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center dedicated-the first gesture of a grateful America to honor the noble men and

women of dauntless spirit who pioneered the vast empire known as the American West...to make its development one of the great epochs of world history...to bequeath to this and to the many generations yet unborn, the richest heritage ever given a free people.

Henry Clay Daulton, pioneer, was so typical of this spirit of the early West. He came to the San Joaquin Valley as a youth and built a rambling 17,000 acre ranch to raise sheep and cattle.

He was more than just a rancher, however; he was a community leader. He was a supervisor of both Fresno and Madera Counties and a leader in the movement to form Madera County.

When he died in 1893, in a riding accident, the county lost one of its most prominent citizens.

And so the county pauses on this Sunday, to pay tribute to one of the men responsible for its birth, and in so doing renews its proud heritage.

Madera County owes much to Henry Clay Daulton and the other pioneers who helped to make this county what it is today.

Henry Clay Daulton I was chosen in 1957 as an honoree of the Cowboy Hall of Fame. The following story of his life was sent in by the Madera County Historical Society, nominating Mr. Daulton. There are over 100 others that have been nominated through the years to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

HENRY CLAY DAULTON I
(By Lucille Heiskell Desmond - 1957)

An early pioneer of real accomplishment in California, whose memory deserves special recognition at the shrine of American patriotism, because of his membership in a family noted for its association with American history, and the building of a nation, was Henry Clay Daulton, the son of James Daulton, who went through the campaign of 1812, and the grandson of Moses Daulton who was among the first to seize his musket and fight in the War of the Revolution, for the freedom and founding of our country.

Henry Clay Daulton was the seventh son, of the family of ten children, born to James and Naomi Daulton on April 7, 1829 in Marysville, Kentucky. When he was a few months old, his people migrated to Ralls County Missouri, where his father built a pioneer log cabin. He attended school, for about six months, and at the age of 14, his parents died. He was thrown upon his own resources and at this early age, acquired that element of self reliance which later characterized him in all his public and private career.

In 1849, when but 20 years old, he, in the company of his brother Wakeman Daulton, crossed the plains, arriving in Hangtown, (Placerville), El Dorado County, California, April 7, 1850. They had the usual experiences, sometimes thrilling, sometimes anxious, and often calling upon them to show the resources that were in them. They tried mining, and after two unsuccessful years, they took passage on the ship "Republican" for Missouri by the way of Panama. The ship was wrecked in a storm, and was taken into the Port of Acapulco to be repaired.

After a wearisome journey, they arrived home, and Henry Clay entered the employ of a man named Thomas Hildreth, (he founded the town of Hildreth in Madera County) of Pike County, Missouri, whose parents, Jesse and Mary Ann Hildreth, had left their families in West Virginia, who had come from England during pre-Revolutionary days. Thomas and his brother Emphery had made a previous wagon train trip to California, and realizing the opportunities and need for cattle, horses and sheep, they returned to bring their families, and to secure the livestock. Henry Clay Daulton was hired at $15.00 per month, and was made chief assistant to Thomas, who was captain. They left their home state May 17, 1853, traveling the inland route to Salt Lake City, and then south, to San Gabriel Mission, Los Angeles, arriving November 24, 1853.

Enroute Mr. Daulton had the distinction of being the first discoverer of gold in the Rocky Mountains, the find being in Strawberry Creek.

Just south of Salt Lake City, Mr. Daulton saved the train from tragedy, when

a band of Indians, led by the Mormons, disguised as Indians, attacked them from ambush. Daulton called for volunteers, who quickly opened fire, after wheeling the wagons into a circle, thus protecting the livestock, also. They were successfully driven off, under his command. The Hildreth brothers, on their previous trip, had learned the Indian sign language, and brought with them yardage of calico, and gay colored beads, to offer as gifts of friendship. Only on one occasion did they have trouble and this was the result of the man placed in charge, when Thomas Hildreth rode ahead for two days looking for feed for the stock. This man disobeyed orders when he shot on first sight of the Indians. He was shot in the arm with a poison arrow, making it necessary to amputate his arm. They used the only tools available, a meat saw, and salt for an antiseptic.

Jesse and Mary Ann Hildreth purchased a home site across from the San Gabriel Mission, and built an adobe house. Their daughter Mary Jane married Henry Clay Daulton, the ceremony taking place in the historic Mission in 1854. The padres rang the bells during the ceremony, even though the bride and groom were not Catholics. The bride and groom had more indomitable courage than worldly goods. After the ceremony Mr. Daulton handed his purse to his best man to pay the priest. It contained $50.00, all the money he possessed. The best man gave both the purse and money to the priest, and the priest, thinking it was all for him, thankfully accepted it. Mr. Daulton afterward said he did not have enough to buy his bride a bite to eat and immediately chopped wood to earn more money. Also married at this time were Agnes Hildreth to Jonathan Rea, who came with the wagon train, and Elizabeth Hildreth, to Tom Roundtree, a carpenter, who later settled in Santa Cruz County. Eliza, another daughter, later married Mr. Ralls, and settled in Fresno County.

Mr. Daulton served as Justice of Peace in Los Angeles County until 1857, when the Hildreths and families, again started on their way to the San Joaquin Valley. Their first three children were born in San Gabriel, Mary Sabrina, Jan. 18, 1855, Thomas Hildreth, March 25, 1856, and Henry Hildreth, Aug. 14, 1858. Stopping with the stock at San Juan, for awhile, Mr. and Mrs. Daulton's first son became ill, and died Nov. 7, 1858, and was buried in the old church yard.

Crossing the mountains, on the old Pacheco Road, the Hildreth brothers purchased land and established a cattle ranch on what is now known as the Santa Rita on the San Joaquin River. Henry Miller, who later became known as the "Cattle King", rode over from South San Francisco, to purchase cattle for his uncle. Being inspired, he vowed he would return and buy the place.

When gold was discovered in what is now Madera County, the Hildreths sold their land, and cattle, as well as the HH brand to Henry Miller. The Hildreths, Reas and Daultons finally acquired large ranches, through Spanish land grants, homesteads and out right purchases, for about $1.25 per acre. Tom Hildreth and his wife, Laura, built the first of the three large two-story buildings in about 1860, naming it the Wideawake. Jonathan Rea, who was now a sheep raiser, built a similar two-story home on the Buchanan Hollow Road. He gave Henry Daulton a band of 1,000 sheep to raise on shares. Mr. Daulton lived in a small house until 1865, when he built a large two-story house, naming it "Shepherd's Home", on his 17,000 acre ranch. The lumber in all three homes was hand planed and the millwork came around the Horn.

Mr. Daulton developed everything to a high standard, whenever it was possible to do so, making the necessary improvements and such as appealed to his fancy. Many came from a distance to enjoy the scene and to get the benefit of whatever was new in plans and devices. The most interesting to all was the walled-in spring in the cellar using sandstone and slabs of slate, where pans of milk were placed to cool. The spring overflowed into a shallow well and pumped into the tank for domestic use, the overflow then going to the large duck pond, into the garden and orchard, and horse troughs.

Before the Southern Pacific came through the San Joaquin Valley in 1875, he made a yearly trip to Stockton for supplies of groceries and clothing material, fording the rivers in his big wagon, over the historic road from Stockton to Fort Millerton on the San Joaquin River which crossed the Chowchilla River near his

home.

In 1860 he was elected Justice of Peace in Township One and shortly after, was elected Associate Justice of the Court of Sessions and was later, in 1865, elected Supervisor of Fresno County for nine years, choosing not to be a candidate for another term, going out of office in 1875. He served as a Director of the Bank of Fresno in 1875.

Recognizing his statesmanship, his friends prevailed upon him to enter the State Legislature, as Senator, stating that he had served Fresno County with great credit, and the need at that time was very urgent at the State level for the "No Fence Law". He chose to devote his full time to his ranch, further improving it by building 22 miles of good board fence with redwood posts, 4-8 inch boards to be the panel, with the post set seven and one-half feet apart, thus making it a substantial and durable fence. After the building of the railroad in 1875, many Chinese coolies were released, and Mr. Daulton engaged them to build a rock fence on the east and north portion of his ranch. The pay was 50 cents a day with room and board.

He gave a right-a-way through his ranch in 1883, for a branch of the Southern Pacific, from Berenda to Raymond, to serve the Yosemite Valley travel, a portion of which remained in use until 1956.

In 1875 Mr. Daulton was the largest stockholder in the celebrated Ne Plus Ultra Copper Mine of which he was President and General Superintendent. The mine was a short distance from his home. Later his interest was sold, and the copper mine, as well as two others, were active until the decline of the price of copper. Mrs. Agnes McKee Bradford, a niece of Mr. Daulton, did own the property but she sold it in 1953.

In no way did the progressive and liberal mind of Mr. Daulton find a more satisfactory outlet than in the rearing and education of his ten children, who, upon the foundation of strong inherited tendencies, worked their way into positions of more than ordinary merit and responsibility.

During the year 1870 they, with the families of Wood's, Rea's, Carter's, and Campbell's, attended school in the Chowchilla District, at Buchanan Hollow, during the copper boom period, with T. S. Shaw as their teacher. Following this period, he had a private school which was near the James Reed place, until the Daulton School District was formed from the Chowchilla District and Mr. Daulton served as the first clerk. Later one of his daughters attended Miss Snell's Seminary for Girls at Benicia, (later Mills College), one attended, San Jose Normal, and the boys, Stockton Business College and Mt. Tamaplias Military School.

The home life was made complete by the encouragement of musical instruments and vocal accomplishments. Though no churches were available, they attended Methodist camp meeting on the Chowchilla River until after Madera was founded. Family records were recorded in their Holy Bible.

When each of his children married, he was financially able to give each of them a band of sheep, a home, or to provide for a business of their choice. The same help was given to the unmarried sons.

Mr. Daulton was a sincere member of the Odd Fellows and Masonic Lodge, as well as a member of the Rebecca and Eastern Star Lodges.

Deciding to make their home in Oakland in 1889, he disposed of all his livestock and equipment, and sold the 17,000 acres to D. S. Terry, R. Porter Ashe, Clinton Terry, Althea Terry and J. C. Kirkpatrick. He purchased a large home on Magnolia St., in Oakland, but in 1890 the several estates could not meet the sum of $116,109.80, plus the costs and interest, so Mr. Daulton was forced to foreclose and reposses the property. Returning, he restocked with Merino sheep and improved the property which had been neglected during that year. He continued in private life until 1893, when he received a commission to serve as chairman, when Madera County was formed, May 20, 1893. He was then elected to serve as chairman of the first Board of Supervisors. Returning from a meeting of the Board on Oct. 15, 1893, he met an untimely death, when a short distance from town, his horse ran away. He was found, injured so severly that death followed.

Masonic services were held at the Masonic Temple and he was buried in the Odd Fellow section of the Arbor Vitae Cemetery, with over a thousand in

attendance to pay their respects.

A self made man, Mr. Daulton started in life very poor, yet when he died, through his economy and good judgment, he left the security of 17,000 acres to his family. However, most dear to his heirs were the many friends that had enjoyed the sincerity and warmth of his personality. His concern for others was shared by his devoted wife, Mary Jane, who shared daily the hardships, and joys as well, of the early pioneers. Their home was always open to strangers or members of their family. Besides the care of their own ten children, they shared alike to nieces, granddaughters, and a foster child, Henry Hildreth.

Their first child, Mary Sabrina, died in Stockton Oct. 20, 1872, at the age of 17.

Previously mentioned was the birth and death of their son, Thomas Hildreth Daulton.

Henry Hildreth Daulton was born in San Gabriel Aug. 14, 1858, married Nancy Wood, daughter of Sam Wood, Jan. 26, 1881 and passed away in Fresno County May 17, 1899.

Ida Daulton was born in Fresno County July 15, 1860, married Christian Saxe at the "Shepherd's Home", Nov. 16, 1881, and passed away in Long Beach, March 27, 1948.

John (Jack) Francis Daulton, born in Fresno County Jan. 24, 1862, married Adelaide Raynor in San Jose, Nov. 27, 1883, and passed away in San Francisco, June 27, 1930.

Agnes Daulton was born Feb. 4, 1864, in Fresno County, married William King Heiskell April 6, 1881, at "Shepherd's Home", and passed away Nov. 27, 1895, in Madera.

Naomi Grace Daulton was born at "Shepherd's Home" on July 24, 1866, and passed away at "Shepherd's Home" July 9, 1898.

Jonathan Rea Daulton was born at "Shepherd's Home" March 1, 1868, and passed away at Stockton May 4, 1923.

Maude Louise Daulton was born at "Shepherd's Home" Feb. 3, 1870, married Seth Mann in Oakland about 1891, and passed away in San Francisco June 12, 1927.

James William Daulton was born Sept. 26, 1871, at "Shepherd's Home" and passed away May 23, 1950, in Madera, at the age of 78. Bill was the youngest and last of a family of ten children whose parents were Henry Clay Daulton I and Mary Jane Hildreth.

After the death of Henry Clay Daulton I, the ranch was incorporated with John Francis Daulton serving as President. For the first time the sod was broken and three grain farms were developed and rented, to supplement the income from the sheep. By the efficient management of John Francis Daulton, the mortgage was paid off in 1903. Mrs. Henry Clay Daulton passed away July 2, 1907, at the age of 76. Her funeral was from the home of her son John Francis in Madera, with Rev. Nicholas of the Episcopal Church giving the service.

In 1912 the Daulton Ranch Company dissolved and the 17,000 acres were divided among the seven living heirs, namely; Agnes, John Francis, Maude, Henry, Will, Jonathan, and Ida. At the present time, (1957), the four heirs of John Francis own 12,020 acres, and three heirs of Agnes Daulton Heiskell own 3,080 acres. Mrs. Herbert Buchanau owns the original Shepherd's Home with 2,900 acres. With the exception of about 1,800 acres in grain, all of the land serves as grazing for cattle.

The grandchildren were John Francis Daulton, Madera, Mrs. Jane LaFonda of Venice and Mrs. Mary Magg of Oakland, children of Henry Hildreth Daulton; Mrs. Myrtle Halverson, of Napa, Miss Barbara Saxe, of Ventura, and Mrs. Madeline Prothers of Los Angeles, children of Mrs. Ida Saxe; Mrs. Hazel Downey, Raynor and Clay II, of Madera, and Mrs. Erma Hatch, of Modesto, children of John Francis Daulton; and Mrs. Bell Morgan, Miss Naomi Heiskell, and Mrs. Lucile Desmond, Madera, children of Mrs. Agnes Daulton Heiskell.

JOHN F. DAULTON
(Written in 1905)

In what is now the county of Madera, but was then a portion of Fresno County, J. F. Jack Daulton was born January 24, 1862, being a son of the late Henry Clay Daulton I, one of the most influential stockmen in this part of the state. The family possessing ample means, he was given every advantage for obtaining an excellent education, and for a time studied in the Stockton Business College. From his father he inherited a fondness for stock and at an early age he selected stock-raising for his life work. At the age of twentytwo he started out for himself as a sheep-raiser in Madera County and from a small beginning accumulated a large flock in later years.

Upon the death of his father in 1893, J. F. Daulton took charge of the estate and maintained a close supervision of the ranch and the stock. To promote the interests of the family, in 1898 he incorporated the Daulton Ranch Company, of which he was president and manager. In the ranch there were seventeen thousand acres, all under fence, and supplied with water by means of flowing springs. Of the entire tract, four thousand acres were under cultivation, mostly in grain, while the remainder of the land was utilized as a pasture for the stock. In sheep he made a specialty of the Merino breed and in 1905 had about eight thousand head on the ranch. In 1889 he moved from the ranch into Madera, where he made his home, but his residence in town never interfered in any respect with the close supervision he maintained of the ranch and stock.

The marriage of Mr. Daulton, in San Jose, united him with Adelaide Mr. Raynor, who was born in Connecticut and came to California with her parents. W. M. Raynor was a sheep-raiser, and the owner of twelve thousand acres in Merced, Mariposa and Madera counties. They lived on a ranch near Buchanan. The family of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Daulton comprised of four children, namely; Hazel, Raynor McErlane, Henry Clay II and Erma. Mrs. John Daulton was a member of the Presbyterian Church. From the time of attaining his majority Mr. Daulton voted and worked with the Republicans. Formerly he was a member of the Republican County Central Committee. As the nominee of his party, in 1898 he was elected supervisor of the third district of Madera County for a term of four years, and during this time the court-house was planned and completed. His fraternal relations included membership in the Masonic Lodge No. 280, F. & A. M. of Madera; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he was Grand Noble of the local lodge; Ancient Order of United Workmen at Madera, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Fresno.

The home of Mr. & Mrs. John Francis Daulton was located on 401 North "C" Street in Madera. J. C. Nohrnberg purchased the home and lot several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Avellar reside there at present.

John Francis Daulton passed away June 27, 1930. He is buried in Arbor Vitae Cemetery where several members of the Daulton family are buried. Mrs. Daulton lived until January 18, 1944.

First Herefords

In 1911 J. F. Jack Daulton retired from the cattle business, and his sons, grown now, took over the ranch under the name of Daulton Brothers. In 1919 they purchased their first purebred Herefords going to the old and well-established Cazier herd in Nevada. The Daulton Brothers turned out fine purebred cattle.

When the boys completed high school, they had the background and knowledge gained from their father, John Francis Daulton, a cattleman, and their own experience.

It was only natural that they invest in a business of their own. The two brothers became a team. Soon they accumulated enough cattle to go into partnership with their father. Each son had a fourth, while John Francis still owned half of the operation. They were paying him for use of the land, however.

This all took place around 1913 on the ranch at Daulton Station.

Henry Clay Daulton and his brother graduated from Madera High School. H. C. met his wife, Merle Goucher in high school. (In our research in our own Historical files we found a High School Graduation Program, June 7, 1907. Merle Goucher was listed as Valedictorian of her class) Mrs. Daultons' father, George Goucher played an important role in founding Madera County. His story is given in VIII-4 of the Historian.

Raynor Daulton married Herminia Schlageter from Mariposa.

The Daulton Brothers, H. C. and Raynor, each raised sons. Henry Clay II had one son, Keith, and Raynor had two sons, Turner and Hildreth. During this era the Daulton Brothers became probably the largest registered cattle operators in the state and almost all of the active breeders of that period secured their foundation stock from them.

As the sons grew up and took part in the business it became necessary to divide the holdings so that each family could operate as a unit and the Daulton Brothers dissolved their partnership. Raynor and his sons taking part of the ranch, with H. C. and Keith the balance.

Raynor retired in the early 1940's and his sons operated his portion of the old Daulton Ranch and again the name of Daulton Brothers became a strong factor in the purebred cattle business. However, the brothers found their interests ran in other directions, and in May, 1946, they dispersed their cattle.

Raynor Daulton passed away on June 9, 1962. His wife Herminia Schlageter Daulton resides at 1801 West 4th in Madera.

Henry Clay Daulton II

Henry Clay Daulton II, was the last of the grandchildren of Henry Clay Daulton I to remain actively engaged in the business of raising cattle for the market. At the age of 71, though semi-retired, he conducted most of his business from his home by phone. He remained interested and active in the California Hereford Association.

The following is quoted from a newspaper interview in 1969: "I've been in the cattle business ever since I got out of school," Daulton said.

"When I got out of high school I was considering the hardware business. I went to business college and later worked in a hardware store in Madera for six months."

"When the grass started to turn green in the spring, however, I couldn't get out to the ranch quickly enough.

Young Clay and his brother Raynor went into business with their father, John Francis Daulton, in 1912.

In 57 years in the business, Daulton saw many changes come to Madera and to the cattle raising business.

"The quality of cattle is much better," Daulton said. "We used to sell fat cattle right off the grass when they were three years old, now we sell them at two years old and 'finish' them in feed lots."

Daulton worked closely with his son Keith, who has a registered Hereford herd. Keith's son, Henry Clay Daulton III attended Oregon State, to prepare himself to eventually step into the family's role in Madera County cattle raising.

Henry Clay Daulton II was the first president of the California Hereford Association. He was instrumental in bringing the annual sale to Madera.

Circle Dot Brand

The Circle Dot Ranch is only four miles north of Madera on Highway 99. It was started by H. C. Daulton II in 1937. He was one of the first to develop permanent pasture in that area.

One of the Daulton ranches, located in Mariposa County, was left to Merle (Mrs. Clay) Daulton by her mother. Her father was an attorney in Madera for a number of years.

Daulton purchased cattle from all over the western states. However, he bought feeder cattle from a man in New Mexico for over 37 years. "This is quite a record in the cattle business," says Daulton.

Son Keith now has the registered Herefords his father made known throughout the nation.

H. Clay remained very active in the

business, although most of his dealings were with commercial cattle.

First President

Daulton was the first president of the California Hereford Association. The organization's sales have been held in Madera ever since his election. He was a director for the California Cattleman's Association and a former supervisor of Madera County, as was his father and grandfather, Henry Clay Daulton I, before him.

He was past president of the District Fair Board.

He was a former member of the County Planning Commission and the Mosquito Abatement Board. He and his wife, Merle were active members in the Madera County and Mariposa Historical Societies.

When asked about his hobbies or forms of relaxation, Daulton replied simply, "My hobby is cattle".

Cattle was not his only hobby, however, A small organ and a piano graced the Daulton's living room. "I'm not a professional," said H. Clay, "but I get a lot of enjoyment out of playing."

He also played banjo and guitar. Mr. Daulton was a member of the Haywire Orchestra, a group of local men that played for many Social gatherings. Mr. Daulton played the last time at the Diamond Jubilee dinner in May, 1968.

116 Years

Henry Clay Daulton II and son Keith stayed on with the ranch to keep the Daulton name to the fore in the cattle raising business. This year marks the 116th anniversary of the entry of this family into the livestock picture in Madera County.

Keith is carrying on in the purebred business with a fine herd of registered Herefords. He is being aided in this operation by his son, H. Clay Daulton III.

Keith is very interested in the Indians of Madera County and has considerable knowledge of the language and habits of these Indians.

There has been an H. Clay Daulton every other generation in the family. Henry Clay I founded the Daulton empire in 1853. His grandson, H. Clay II, son of John Francis, with his brother, Raynor, carried it on, and now Henry Clay III is following in the footsteps of his father and of his grandfather. Henry Clay Daulton III was elected Vice President of Madera County Cattlemen's Association in November, 1969.

Growing through the purchase and homestead rights, the ranch soon was comprised of about 17,000 acres. At the present time, most of the original property is still in the hands of descendents of the original settler, Henry Clay Daulton I.

One exception is a parcel of land which is now owned by Mrs. Herbert J. Buchanau. It is on this piece of land that a home built during the "sixties," and occupied for many years by the Daulton family, still stands. It was known as "Shepherd's Home".

The "Circle Dot" brand is used by H. Clay Daulton II on his ranch just north of Madera where some of the finest and widely known Hereford cattle are raised.

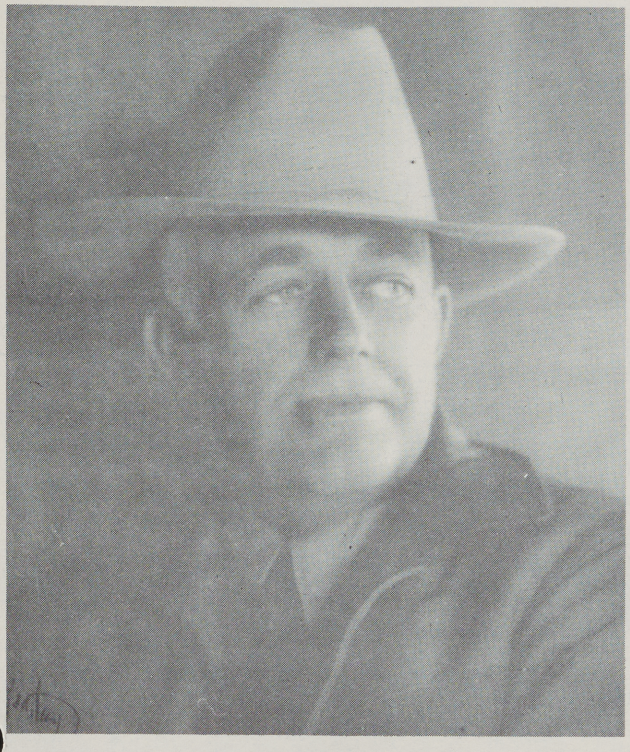
The name Daulton means cattle in Madera County and throughout the United States.

The entire community was saddened by the death of Henry Clay Daulton at the age of 78 on March 12, 1969. There are many things that could be written about this man but perhaps to quote from the Madera Daily Tribunes' editorial about Mr. Daulton best summarizes his life. "We owe a debt of gratitude to such men as Mr. Daulton. He showed us a great deal which is admired by all and shall not be forgotten. Madera County has lost a great man."

The Henry Clay Daulton home is located on 514 West Yosemite. Mrs. Merle Daulton continues to live in this ranch style home, a home filled with many beautiful as well as historical items. Mrs. Daulton herself, has a very colorful

John Francis (Jack) Daulton

Henry Clay Daulton II



Raynor McErlane Daulton

Home of John Francis Daulton
401 North "C" Madera

family history, having lived in Mariposa County before coming to Madera.

On March 22, 1968 Mr. & Mrs. Daulton donated $25,000 to a $75,000 fund established in Mariposa County for the purpose of building a Historical Center and Library. This was made in memory of Mrs. Daulton's family.

In Madera, at a Historical Society meeting held in the "Old Aragon Hotel" (a farewell to the hotel) the Daultons stated they were not leaving out Madera County and when ever a community fund raising project would be established to create a permanent museum they would make a contribution to that drive also.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Daulton were King and Queen of the Old Timer's Celebration and Parade in September, 1963.

We add the following item for color and interest to this story.

BIG TIME AT DAULTON

These headlines are from the Madera Daily Tribune of May 20, 1902.

"J. F. Daulton gave a ball at Daulton Station last Saturday night, the occasion being the completion of the new warehouse at that place. The dance was a great success. There were over 100 present, from various sections of the county; a large delegation from Madera and many from Raymond. C. Curtin's wagon carried a party, taking two hours for the trip; they returned to Madera at 6 A.M. Sunday.

Charlie Diffin and Pete Anderson provided the music.

At midnight a delicious basket lunch was served and dancing was continued until morning."

(Since it may be of interest to our readers we will list those that went in the "Curtin Carry-all.")

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Smith, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Daulton, Mr. & Mrs. E. M. McCardle, Mr. & Mrs. W. W. W. Hunter, Mrs. W. B. Thurman, Mrs. Rule; Misses Ruth Dickenson, Maude Currans, Mayme Saunders, Susie Plate; Messers. C. J. Eubanks, William Krohn, T. M. Slusser, Leo Woodson, William Griffin and John Corolan.

We wish space would permit relating more about the lives of the children, and great grandchildren of this early pioneer, Henry Clay Daulton I.

In Memorium

Just a few days before this Historian was ready to take to Oakhurst to be printed, word came that Mrs. H. C. Daulton (Merle Goucher) had passed away, February 7, 1970.

Mrs. Daulton had great appreciation for all phases of History but was especially appreciative of Madera and Mariposa County History because her early years were spent in Mariposa and from high school on in Madera County. She gave much of her time and talent to community activities, and up until her illness was very active in the Madera County Historical Society. She was the second president, also was vice-president of the 8th Region of the California Conference of Historical Societies.

The membership of the Madera County Historical Society extends sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Daulton.

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